

Farm Credit Administration

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It is the policy of the Farm Credit Administration to act in matters relating to national security information in accordance with Executive Order 12356 and directives issued thereunder by the Information Security Oversight Office (ISOO).

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§ 605.501 Information Security Officer.

(a) The Information Security Officer of the Farm Credit Administration shall be responsible for implementation and oversight of the information security program and procedures adopted by the Agency pursuant to the Executive order. This officer shall be the recipient of questions, suggestions, and complaints regarding all elements of this program and shall be solely responsible for changes to it and for the assurance that it is at all times consistent with the Executive order and ISOO directive.

(b) The Information Security Officer shall be the Farm Credit Administration's official contact for requests for declassification of materials submitted under the Executive order, regardless of the point of origin of such requests, and shall assure that such requests for records in the Farm Credit Administration's possession that were originated by another agency shall be forwarded to the originating agency. The Farm Credit Administration shall include a copy of the records requested together with its recommendation for action. Upon receipt, the originating agency shall process the request in accordance with 32 CFR 2001.32(a)(2)(i). Upon request, the originating agency shall communicate its declassification determination to the Farm Credit Administration. The Farm Credit Administration shall inform the requester of the determination within 1 year from the date of receipt, except in unusual circumstances. If an appeal is made on a denial of a mandatory declassification review request, the originating agency's appellate authority shall normally make a determination within 30 working days following the receipt of an appeal. If additional time is required to make a determination, the originating appellate authority shall notify the re-

quester of the additional time needed and provide the requester with the reason for extension. The originating agency's appellate authority shall notify the requester in writing of the final determination and of the reasons for any denial. Such officer shall also assure that requests for declassification submitted under the Freedom of Information Act are handled in accordance with that Act.

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§ 605.502 Program and procedures.

(a) The Farm Credit Administration has no authority for the original classification of information for national security purposes. Only those agencies described in the Executive order may so classify information.

(b) *Derivative classification.* "Derivative Classification" means a determination that information is in substance the same information that is currently classified under a designated level of classification. Derivative application of classification markings shall be the responsibility of the Information Security Officer who shall assure that the use of this authority is in accordance with ISOO directives.

(c) *Mandatory review.* All requests for review under the mandatory review provisions of the Executive order shall be handled by the Information Security Officer or his/her designee. Under no circumstances shall such official refuse to confirm the existence or nonexistence of a document requested under the Executive order or the Freedom of Information Act unless the fact of its existence or nonexistence would itself be classified under the Executive order.

(d) *Handling of classified documents.* All documents bearing the terms "Top Secret," "Secret," and "Confidential" shall be delivered to the Information Security Officer or his/her designee immediately upon receipt. All potential recipients of such documents shall be advised of the names of such designees. In the event that the Information Security Officer or his/her designee is not available to receive such documents, they shall be sent to the FCA mailroom and stored in the combination safe located in the Agency Services Branch and secured unopened until the